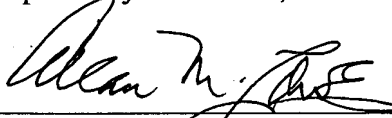Prompt and favorable action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited. Kindly direct any inquiries to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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said step of setting a plurality of configuration settings comprises setting a plurality of application settings to a common value across each of said plurality of computer entities.

5   3.   The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, further comprising the step of:

entering at least one said setting data via a web interface.

10   4.   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a said master computer entity comprises a database storing a plurality of said configuration settings.

5.   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a said master computer entity stores a database containing a list of a plurality of said computer entities 15 within a group.

6.   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a said configuration setting is selected from the set:

20   a schedule setting;

a retention setting;

an exclude setting;

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an authorised right setting;

a limit setting;

30   a quota setting;

a data file definition setting;

assigning at least one other said computer entity to be a slave computer entity within said group;

5   said master computer entity applying at least one configuration setting to a said corresponding respective slave computer entity in said same group, to set said slave computer entity is to provide an equivalent functionality to a user as said master computer entity.

10   10.   The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said master computer entity of said group operates as a slave computer entity for a further group.

11.   The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said slave computer entity of said group operates as a slave computer entity in a second group.

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12.   The method as claimed in [any one of claims 9 to 11] *Claim 9* wherein each said computer entity comprises a headless computer entity.

13.   The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of:

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checking whether a said slave computer entity has a same security mode setting as said master computer entity.

14.   The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of:

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checking whether a said slave computer entity has a same security mode setting as said master computer entity; and

if said slave computer entity does not have a same security mode setting as
30   said master computer entity, then rejecting assigning of said slave computer entity to be a slave computer entity within said group.